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Only 114 special railroad cars were delivered by the DESSAU (N 52/E 17) railroad car factory during February 1949. This figure was the lowest to date because the "Lowa" railroad car factory, WERDA, (N 52/E 64), did not deliver the undercarriages in time.

Comment:

a. The DESSAU factory belongs to the "Transmash" Soviet Corporation. The WERDA Iowa Railroad Car factory is a nationalized plant, at present engaged mainly in the production of trolley buses (for intra-municipal short-distance traffic).

b. The DESSAU Railroad Car factory has about two thousand employees at present, and the Iowa factory about five hundred.

c. The Soviet Zone production plan for 1949 provides for the production of:

450 refrigerator cars, 400 by Soviet Corporation plants ;
 256 passenger cars, 120 by Soviet Corporation plants ;
 6,650 narrow-gauge freight cars, all by Soviet Corporation plants.

a. The entire Soviet Zone production of rolling stock is destined for reparations delivery. The special railroad cars mentioned probably are refrigerator cars.

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